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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request for the State Route 43/7th Standard Road Roundabout Project

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the State Route 43/7th Standard Road Roundabout Project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kern Council of Governments, located at 1401 19th St., Ste 300, Bakersfield, CA 93301. The funding would be used to replace a rural 4-way stop with a safer, trucking-enabled roundabout at the intersection of SR 43 and a county expressway corridor (7th Standard Rd), providing access to southern and northern California via I-5. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will fix this vital linkage between the Cities of Bakersfield and Shafter, which serves the needs of agriculture and goods movement.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress